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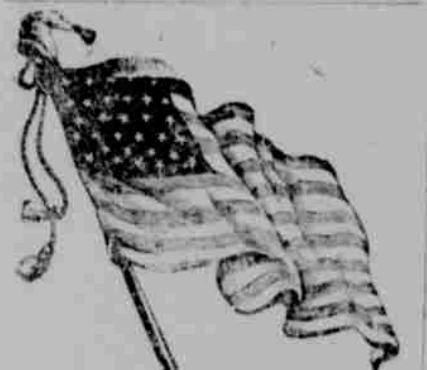
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"Long may it wave o'er the  
land of the Free and the Home  
of the Brave."THE PLACE THAT CAN'T BE  
FILLED

Tuesday morning eighty-two stalwart sons of Gratiot county left for Camp Custer, Battle Creek, there to become a portion of that great machine which is to be launched against the terrorism that goes hand in hand with Kaiserism and its self-styled "Sile and Gott."

Many an eye of mothers, of fathers, wives, sisters and brothers was wet and tear stained to see these brave men leaving to face dangers of which we know nothing, off to see them leaving to make the world safe for democracy, and not knowing that they would ever return to again fill the place which only these brave boys could fill.

It is to the shame of Alma and of Gratiot county that these men did not depart as they should have departed, amidst a throng of enthusiastic American men and women, wishing them Godspeed, all honor and a safe return. Instead only a few dozen people turned out to witness their departure, most of them relatives of the departing.

An attempt was made a couple of days before the departure to do honor to these young men, but for various reasons, the principal one being because of a lack of co-operation, it fell flat.

Alma's idea might seem to be, well, we are too busy making money. Let them go it alone.

Rather should all honor go to these men who are offering their lives on the altar of their own country and on the altar of patriotism.

## NO FUEL HOGS, PLEASE.

The city of Alma is facing the worst fuel famine in its history, one so bad that no one is able to get more than enough fuel for immediate needs, and there is a looming possibility that there will not be enough fuel for every home in the city should a sudden cold snap come at this time.

So far the weather has been such that much fuel has been conserved, but it will not continue. More fuel must be used when cold weather comes if Alma's homes are to continue to be warm. This means that every home in the city will need coal. It means that everyone in the city must secure only enough coal for immediate needs if there is to be enough for all.

Alma is now in a position where she needs none of that species commonly known as the hog, or in this case, the coal hog. By hogging coal at this time some person is certain to entail the needs of another and probably cause suffering.

It may come in this way to a home where there are little ladies of tender years, it may come in a home where there are gray hairs which should be honored and kept from suffering, if the coal hog enters Alma. Keep him out at all costs.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

List of Marriage Licenses for the Week Ending Nov. 17, 1917

Bruce Lang, 37, Summer township; Goldie Vanormun, 24, New Haven township.

Pete Wermuth, 35, New Haven township; Cecil Eicher, 18, New Haven township.

Albin Pittenour, 20, Wheeler; Edith Bow, 23, Wheeler township.

Chester Bishop, 20, Bannister; Alvinell Ryan, 18, Bannister.

Willard Thorp, 21, Alma; Ethel Dancer, 21, Breckenridge.

## OBITUARY.

Dostock McKinney was born in Pennsylvania in 1854, and was 63 years, 4 months and 12 days old at the time of his death. In 1885 he with his parents moved to Pompeii, Gratiot county, and lived in that vicinity till the year 1892, when he was married to Mrs. Morilla Waldo of Maple Rapids, and then moved to Pine River township and lived there until he was called to death in Alma.

He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney. He leaves a wife, one step-son, two step-daughters, one sister and several nephews and nieces to mourn his loss. The funeral was held from the St. John's church, Rev. Jackson officiating, and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

## NOTICE.

I wish to announce to the farmers and stock raisers that I am ready for all kinds of live stock. I shall ship every Saturday. Shipped \$6,000 worth of stock last week. If you have any thing ready for the market let me know and I will see you. Will pay the highest market price. Will pay 18-14" JACK ROBINSON, Alma.

## LIEUT. GARDNER

## WRITES OF "Y"

(Continued From Page One.)

to do more in word and deed, and I hope financially, that "my bit" may help to maintain this most worthy organization to continue its efforts toward helping those in large cities as well as towns that would otherwise not as easily find that help.

Well, Curtis, so much for the "Y." I could write at greater length, but time forbids. I trust your work is congenial and that your efforts are being rewarded.

In the Medical Officers' Training camp here are something like 1,200 physicians, learning matters of a military nature before being assigned to the organized forces. Should the occasion arise you may assure the folks at home that their sons and brothers in the conscript army are going to be cared for as no other army ever was cared for, speaking from a medical point of view. The proportion of doctors to recruits is not only higher than formerly, but the medical personnel is divided into a sanitary, a medical and a surgical section that greater efficiency may be attained. So in every possible way the young recruit is going to be safe guarded. Certainly this should afford not a little comfort and consolation to the folks at home.

Fort Oglethorpe, as no doubt you are aware is situated in part on the historic site of the Battle of Chickamauga, fought in September, 1863. Next to Gettysburg, this was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, the mortality per day in fact was higher than that at Gettysburg, being about 10 per cent. Here Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain stand as everlasting monuments to the heroes of other days.

My forebears trod this very ground and fought valiantly for the great cause of liberty, then a national issue. Now, some 50 odd years later, we find ourselves again consecrated to the cause of liberty, now a world issue. Surely that is a significant trend of events, and it is unthinkable that we will do less now than did our forefathers of '63.

As I have been writing this, a for-Alma boy—Lester Von Thun, who is in the regular officers' training camp—has called on me. He is in a battery of artillery and he will make good. Lester is a fine chap—one of nature's young noblemen, and Alma is going to lose from him in a manner that will please his friends. He spoke of the splendid work the "Y" is doing. I trust that you are quite well.

Will you be so kind as to remember me to anyone who might inquire, and with very kind personal regards, I am Very sincerely yours,  
CYRUS B. GARDNER.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind assistance and the expressions of sympathy extended us during the long illness and since the death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Oscar F. Parker.  
Earl O. Parker.  
Frank O. Parker.  
Harvey J. Downing.  
Mrs. G. O. Bunce.

Mary Pickford, in her best and newest play, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Idlehour, Thanksgiving day.

Your whole family will enjoy Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Thanksgiving day, Idlehour—Adv.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain poison, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

## Attention!

Having rented the Cement

## FEED BARN

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sweater because of its  
quality.Young Men  
Want It  
The New  
Military Overcoatis just the thing for spirited  
young men. Nothing  
like it for smart style.Hart Schaffner & Marx  
Michael SternsMakes have produced some  
lively models for us. You  
see one in the illustration.  
We are showing many  
other styles. For style, all  
wool values, quality and fit  
—these overcoats stand  
alone.

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Stephenson's heavy two-  
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For finer garment we  
carry the best fashioned,  
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for Men

## Thanksgiving

One of the Big Dress Events  
of the Year

Thanksgiving will find you either in the company of home folks, relatives or friends. It will be a dress up gathering as well as a day of good cheer, feasting and merry-making and you owe it to yourself to appear at your best. We are ready with

## Kuppenheimer Clothes

to help you do it.

Our assortments of suits for men and young men are sparkling with smart styles, quality fabrics and rich colorings. Values that we are sure you cannot equal at \$18, \$22.50, \$25 and up.

If you have a fine new overcoat to swing into when you go for that after-dinner stroll, it will give you a heap of satisfaction. Men who have seen our many smart and exclusive overcoat styles have pronounced them the best buys in town. So will you when you see them and note the prices, \$15.00 to \$30.00.

## MESSINGER'S

Everything in Men's and Boys' Wear.

## LIBRARY CONTEST

A beautiful Library of 100 volumes and cases to be given away in a Library Contest.

This handsome Library and case will be given by vote to the Church, School, Lodge or Society in Alma having the largest number of votes in the following manner:

The business men listed below will give with each 5-cent purchase five votes.

The contest begins Nov. 23 and ends June 1st, 1918, at 7 o'clock p. m. A ballot box has been placed in Charles R. Murphy's Drug Store, where all ballots are to be deposited. At the close of the contest the Church, School, Lodge or Society having the largest number of votes will be awarded the Library. Current accounts when promptly paid will be entitled to votes. Remember, votes can only be secured from the merchants listed below. The Library and cases are now on exhibition in the show window of G. V. Wright's Furniture Store. The following is a list of the merchants. Patronize these merchants and get busy with the votes:

MAYNARD PRINGLE, Dentist.

J. E. CONVERSE, Jeweler.

J. R. ARCOTTE, Tinning and  
Sheet Metal Work.EUROPEAN CAFE AND CON-  
FECTIONERY, Nick Bar-  
daveil & Co., Props.J. A. GERHARDT, Dry Goods  
and Ladies' Furs.GENESTA THEATER,  
votes given on all tickets.ALMA STATE SAVINGS  
BANK, ballots given on all  
savings accounts.E. J. HUBBARD, Plumbing and  
Heating.

C. A. SAWKINS PIANO CO.

G. V. WRIGHT, Furniture and  
Undertaking.THE ALMA RECORD, votes  
given on all new or renewal  
subscriptions.GOODES, the Clothier; Men's  
Wear and Custom Tailoring.CHARLES R. MURPHY,  
Drugs.GRIFFIN'S STUDIO, Viewing,  
Enlarging and Home Portrait  
Work.

## Sit Up and Take Notice

Nelson Smith offers for  
Hay---\$15 to \$20 a ton  
Potatoes---90c a bu.  
Apples---75c-\$1.00 bu.  
Beans---\$11.65 a cwt.Thirty-five thoroughbred Buff Orpington  
Cockerels \$2.00 each while they last.

## Wholesale and Retail Produce

Caple Warehouse South End of Gratiot Avenue  
Both Phones ALMA, MICH.

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Has Four Points Worthy  
of Your ConsiderationQuick Service  
Fine Meals and Lunches  
Everything Clean  
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Try us and see if this is not the case

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CHRISTMAS  
BANKING  
CLUBJOIN IT  
AND YOU GET  
A BANK BOOK2¢ WILL  
START  
YOU.IN 50 WEEKS YOU  
WILL HAVE\$25.50  
COME IN,  
BOYS AND GIRLS,  
AND ASK ABOUT IT

Our Christmas Banking Club is to make it easy for those of small means to start a bank account. Children are especially invited to join. The clubs are arranged to fit their ability to pay. A cent, 2 cents, 5 cents and 10 cents, or 50 cents, \$1.00, \$5.00 or any club that is desired.

In 50 weeks:

10-Cent Club pays.....\$127.50

5-Cent Club pays..... 63.75

2-Cent Club pays..... 25.50

1-Cent Club pays..... 12.75

Make the largest payment first and decrease your payments each week. This is a very popular way.

Put your children into the club. Join yourself.

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